

## MDCH Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination

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- Inconsistent practices for enrollment across all three LTC programs.
- Includes only those persons appropriate for Nursing Facility Level of Care (NF LOC).
- A beginning step to look at overall LTC system and the relationship of eligibility criteria across other programs – such as Home Help.

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**Eager Decision:**  
LTC Task Force  
Informed Choice  
Trainings and Information  
Equitable access

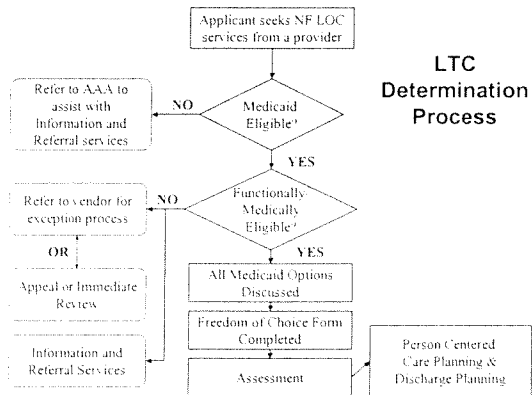
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## The Affected LTC Programs

- Medicaid-reimbursed Nursing Facility Care.
- MI Choice Program for the Elderly and Disabled (21 programs across the state).
- Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly (currently the only PACE program is in Detroit, but it may expand to other areas).

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### LTC Determination Process



## Background

- Based on elements from MDS-RAI.
- Uses critical MDS elements to identify "physical A's" – the lowest rung in RUGs system.
- Ideas from clinical work group.
- List of Orgs that were represented:
  - Three NF trade associations
  - MI Choice Program Agents
  - MDCH Staff
  - Individual Clinicians

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## Whom to Evaluate

- All new admissions of Medicaid-eligible beneficiaries.
- Readmissions of Medicaid-eligible beneficiaries *do not need to be reevaluated*.
- Non-emergency transfers of Medicaid-eligible beneficiaries.

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## Whom to Evaluate (continued)

- Disenrollment of a beneficiary from a Medicaid Health Plan.
- Private-pay residents already residing in a NF who are applying for Medicaid.
- Hospice-eligible beneficiaries who are being admitted to the NF for end-of-life care *do not need to be evaluated*.

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## Existing Residents/Participants

- Transition Plan: Residents/participants currently in program as of November 1, 2004 – evaluated no earlier than next admission anniversary date

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## Accessing the LOC Tool

- The Tool is accessed through the Single Sign-On System on the State of Michigan Portal Page at:  
<https://sso.state.mi.us/>

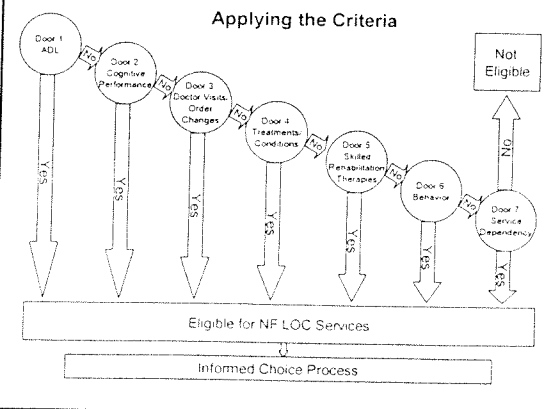
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## Eligibility Doors

- Door 1: Activities of Daily Living
- Door 2: Cognitive Performance
- Door 3: Physician Involvement
- Door 4: Treatments and Conditions
- Door 5: Skilled Rehabilitation Therapies
- Door 6: Behavior
- Door 7: Service Dependency

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## Applying the Criteria



## If the Applicant Does Not Meet the Criteria

- Provider must issue an adverse action notice, or
- Refer the case for exception review
- Beneficiary has appeal rights to the MDCH Administrative Tribunal

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## Experience to Date

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	Nursing Facility				MI Choice Program			
	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	TOTAL	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	TOTAL
Total LOC Determinations	5826	5639	4972	16,437	643	1087	1508	3238
Ineligible Determinations	42	35	53	130	21	32	31	84
MPRO Reviews	4	2	7	13	1	3	0	4
Reviews Overturned	2	0	4	6	0	1	0	1

## Evaluation

- NF bed days and admission rates (6-8 months)
- Eligibility screen data
- Follow up of non-eligibles, through other data sources
- Audit and retrospective medical record review of programs

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## Access to Materials

- [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch)
- Select providers
- Select information for providers
- Select Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination
- Medicaid Policy NF 04-15, 04-17; 05-09

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